

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing the honorable life
of United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing the honorable
2 life of United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

3 *Whereas, United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin*
4 *Scalia was born in Trenton, New Jersey on March 11, 1936;*

5 *Whereas, Justice Scalia graduated as class valedictorian*
6 *from both St. Francis Xavier High School and Georgetown*
7 *University before going on to attend Harvard Law School*
8 *where he served as Notes Editor for the Harvard Law Review*
9 *and graduated as class valedictorian for a third time;*

10 *Whereas, Following his completion of the Harvard Sheldon*
11 *Fellowship, Justice Scalia entered private practice as a*
12 *commercial attorney at Jones Day, the second largest law firm*
13 *in the United States and the tenth largest law firm in the world,*
14 *where he practiced from 1961 to 1967;*

15 *Whereas, Justice Scalia continued to contribute to the*
16 *progression and academy of law throughout this time as well,*
17 *serving as a Professor of Law at the University of Virginia from*
18 *1967 to 1971; as a Professor of Law at the University of*
19 *Chicago from 1977 to 1982; and as a Visiting Professor of Law*
20 *at both Georgetown University and Stanford University;*

21 *Whereas, In 1971, Justice Scalia began his prolific public*
22 *service career when President Nixon appointed him as General*



1 *Counsel of the Office of Telecommunication Policy;*

2 *Whereas, Justice Scalia went on to serve as Chairman of*
3 *the Administrative Conference of the United States from 1972*
4 *to 1973, and from 1974 to 1977, as Assistant Attorney General*
5 *for the Office of Legal Counsel;*

6 *Whereas, Recognizing both his extensive experience and*
7 *intellect, President Ronald Reagan then appointed Justice*
8 *Scalia to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of*
9 *Columbia;*

10 *Whereas, After four years of service on the Court of*
11 *Appeals, President Reagan again nominated Justice Scalia as*
12 *an Associate Justice to the United States Supreme Court;*

13 *Whereas, The United States Senate confirmed Justice Scalia*
14 *by a vote of 98 - 0, and Justice Scalia took the oath of office on*
15 *September 26, 1986, becoming the nation's first Italian-*
16 *American Justice;*

17 *Whereas, Throughout his tenure on the Court, Justice*
18 *Scalia commanded and championed a strict originalist*
19 *interpretation of the United States Constitution in accordance*
20 *with the meaning of its words at the time the Constitution was*
21 *written;*

22 *Whereas, A brilliant jurist and conservative icon known for*
23 *his wit, Justice Scalia also epitomized judicial restraint and the*
24 *overt defense of fundamental liberties;*

25 *Whereas, Justice Scalia will be remembered for his*
26 *landmark decision in District of Columbia v. Heller, where he*
27 *held that the Second Amendment protects the right to possess*
28 *a firearm at home; for being an outspoken critic of Roe v.*
29 *Wade; and for transforming oral arguments through active*
30 *participation and tough questions for advocates;*

31 *Whereas, Justice Scalia, a man of principled faith, passed*
32 *away at the age of 79 on February 13, 2016, and is survived by*



1 *his loving wife Maureen, nine children, and thirty-six*
2 *grandchildren; and*

3 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana General Assembly*
4 *recognize and honor Justice Scalia for his legal brilliance,*
5 *dedicated service to the United States, and immeasurable*
6 *contributions to American jurisprudence: Therefore,*

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
8 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

9 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly memorializes
10 the honorable and full life of United States Supreme Court Justice
11 Antonin Scalia.

12 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
13 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the United States Supreme Court.

